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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT

REF: LETTER RINZLER TO BALDYGA DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1974

1. KOENIG AND RAIM REPORT THAT DURING FEBRUARY VISIT QUESTION RAISED WITH CAO REGARDING WILLINGNESS SMITHSONIAN SUPPORT WITH EXCESS ZLOTYS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF POLISH ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN OLD WAYS IN NEW WORLD PROJECT FOR 1975 AND 1976 FOLKLIFE FESTIVALS.

2. PROVIDING EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION AND PRESUMING CONTINUED EXCESS ZLOTY AVAILABILITY, SMITHSONIAN AGREES TO FOLLOWING:

A) MAY INFORM POLES THAT SMITHSONIAN PREPARED SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF 1975 PERFORMING GROUP (ESTIMATED 30 PERFORMERS) USING EXCESS ZLOTY FUNDS. IF POLISH RESPONSE AFFIRMATIVE BY APRIL 1, 1974, SMITHSONIAN WOULD SEND RAIM AND KOENIG TO POLAND THIS SPRING TO GET RESEARCH STARTED. SMITHSONIAN WOULD STILL EXPECT POLES COMPENSATE PERFORMERS FOR LOST WORK TIME.

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B) SMITHSONIAN STILL PREFERS POLES PAY FOR 1976 PERFORMING GROUP TRANSPORTATION AND LOST TIME COSTS. HOWEVER, IF KEY FEELS THAT IT NECESSARY TO ASSURE POLISH PARTICIPATION IN EITHER 1975 OR 1976, WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY THIS POSITION HE MAY INFORM POLES SMITHSONIAN WILLING PAY 1976 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (ALSO ESTIMATED 30 PERFORMERS) FROM EXCESS ZLOTY FUNDS.

3. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS TRANSMIT ASAP TRANSLATED BUDGET WORKED OUT BETWEEN KOENIG/RAIM AND PROF. BIELAWSKI.

4. SMITHSONIAN APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF CAO AND OTHER EMBASSY STAFF IN NEGOTIATING POLISH PARTICIPATION.
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